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SUBJECT: CCD: ALLIED INQUIRIES CONCERNING US-SOVIET  
CONTACTS ON CW

REF: (A) GENEVA 5553 (B) GENEVA 2490

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1. APPARENT SOVIET BREACH OF CONFIDENTIALITY CONCERNING  
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BILATERAL CONTACTS ON CW, RESULTING IN INQUIRIES BY ALLIED

DELS, IS DISTURBING. WE BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE TO RAISE  
ISSUE OF CONFIDENTIALITY WITH SOVIETS AND TO ALLAY APPRE-  
HENSIONS OF ALLIES BY SETTING RECORD STRAIGHT.

2. FOR GENEVA: YOU SHOULD TELL SOVIETS THAT PROGRESS IN  
EXPLORING POSSIBILITY OF COMMON APPROACH ON CW WILL BE DIF-  
FICULT UNLESS CONFIDENTIALITY OF BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IS  
RESPECTED. YOU SHOULD ALSO INFORM SOVIETS THAT IN VIEW OF  
SEVERAL INQUIRIES, WE PLAN TO CONVEY TO OUR CCD ALLIES  
INFORMATION CONTAINED PARA 3.

3. AFTER INFORMING SOVIETS, PLEASE CONVEY INFORMATION  
WHICH FOLLOWS TO ALLIED DELS. (SINCE JAPANESE REP HAS

SHOWN PARTICULAR SENSITIVITY OVER THE POSSIBLE US-USSR  
JOINT INITIATIVE (REF B), IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO GIVE  
HIM PREVIEW BEFORE PRESENTING INFORMATION TO CCD WESTERN  
GROUP.)

(A) AS IS WELL KNOWN, WE AGREED AT THE 1974 MOSCOW  
SUMMIT TO CONSIDER A JOINT US-USSR INITIATIVE ON CW AT THE  
CCD. THE SUMMIT STATEMENT CALLED FOR CONSIDERATION, AS A  
FIRST STEP, OF A CONVENTION DEALING WITH THE MOST DAN-  
GEROUS, LETHAL MEANS OF CHEMICAL WARFARE.

(B) IN AUGUST 1974, THE SOVIETS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL  
TO US VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL IN OVERALL APPROACH TO SOVIET  
TREATY DRAFT INTRODUCED IN CCD IN MARCH 1972, EXCEPT THAT  
THE PROHIBITION WAS LIMITED TO SUPER-TOXIC CW AGENTS.  
THIS PROPOSAL DID NOT INCLUDE ANY PROVISIONS FOR INTER-  
NATIONAL VERIFICATION MEASURES, BUT DID PROVIDE FOR  
VOLUNTARY EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AMONG PARTIES TO  
ASSURE CONFIDENCE OF COMPLIANCE.

(C) LAST SPRING, AFTER THOROUGH STUDY OF THE 1974  
SOVIET PROPOSAL, THE U.S. REPLIED WITH A NUMBER OF COM-  
MENTS CONCERNING THE DEFICIENCIES OF THE PROPOSAL AND  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IT AND THE MARCH  
1972 DRAFT TREATY. THE U.S. POINTED OUT THAT LIMITING  
THE PROHIBITION TO SUPER-TOXIC AGENTS WOULD REQUIRE  
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COUNTRIES THAT POSSESS ONLY SUPER-TOXIC AGENTS TO DESTROY  
THEIR ENTIRE STOCKPILES OF LETHAL AGENTS, BUT WOULD  
ALLOW COUNTRIES THAT POSSESS LETHAL AGENTS THAT ARE LESS  
TOXIC, SUCH AS HYDROGEN CYANIDE, TO RETAIN SIGNIFICANT  
STOCKS OF LETHAL CHEMICAL WEAPONS. WE ALSO NOTED THAT  
THE PROPOSAL DID NOT PROVIDE ANY EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL  
OR INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION PROCEDURES, WHICH WE BELIEVE  
TO BE ESSENTIAL FOR AN EFFECTIVE CW ARMS CONTROL MEASURE.

(D) THE SOVIETS HAVE REPLIED TO OUR COMMENTS AND  
QUESTIONS, BUT HAVE NOT ALTERED THEIR PROPOSAL. WE  
ARE NOW REVIEWING AND ANALYZING THE SOVIET RESPONSE.

4. FOR NATO: WHILE WE WOULD PREFER NOT TO INITIATE  
DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL CONTACTS IN NATO AT THIS TIME,  
YOU MAY DRAW ON INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 IN  
RESPONDING TO INQUIRIES. KISSINGER

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